

CONVENTION TO MEET SOON

Call for Gathering at Guthrie
Next Thursday.

REPRESENTATION IS GIVEN

Meeting Promises to Be a
Largely Attended One.

Guthrie, O. T., April 2.—An Thursday of next week the Republican territorial convention will meet in this city for the purpose of nominating a candidate for congress and delegates to the national Republican convention.

It will in some respects be the most remarkable convention ever held in the territory. In the first place it will be remarkable for its harmony. The Washitans, the Pawnees, the Kiowas, the Comanches and the Potawatomis will be the side of the statesmen and warriors from Lincoln, Grant, Garfield, Blaine, Dewey, Custer, Logan, Cleveland, Payne, Noble, Roger Mills and Greer. There will be no strife for the reason that they come for a common purpose, to line up the Republican hosts against the common enemy.

The indications now are that every delegate in that convention will be for the re-nomination of Bird S. McGuire for congress and for the election of Cash Cade for national commissioner. Delegates may, some of them, stand up in the convention and look around for suitable men to send to the national convention, but that is all.

For the first time in the history of Oklahoma it looks like national issues will be discussed in the campaign this year. As Governor Ferguson puts it, the bill reported in congress by the committee on territories has practically eliminated local issues. The bill proposes to bring in Oklahoma and the Indian Territory as one state and to leave the school land question to the legislature of the new state.

That bill is a Republican measure and the Republicans of Oklahoma will accept it. The Democrats of the territory have always supported single statehood and they cannot now turn round and consistently oppose the bill because it is a Republican measure. By this measure the school land question has been pushed ahead at least two years and the territorial convention this year will hardly attempt to make a platform for the representative districts of a state that is not yet formed and admitted to the union. Then the question comes up for answer, what will be the issues in the coming campaign?

Some of the Republican leaders pretend to believe that the Democrats will try to pick flaws in the statehood bill and claim that it is in the interests of the Republican party in terms of its provisions. This course seems hardly probable and some of the Democratic bosses in this city declare that their party will accept the bill for the simple reason that the party during the two last campaigns favored single statehood.

In the city election in Guthrie the colored question has been raised by the Democrats and they say the same issue will be raised when their county convention meets. There are now plenty of evidences going to show that there is design in this and that the Democrats of the territory are going to take up the issues raised by Gorman in Maryland and make their fight for white supremacy, of course everybody knows that there is no danger of the negroes ever ruling Oklahoma, but that does not make any difference to the politicians who are looking for an issue that will carry them into office.

The poor negro will do some good if he can come to the rescue of the Democratic party in Oklahoma and furnish it with a campaign issue. Under ordinary circumstances it would seem that McGuire, after having represented the territory for two years, ought to furnish the Democrats with an issue, but the trouble is that McGuire has not made mistakes enough to have a shot gun, let alone furnishing timber for a Democratic platform. It is then probable that the Democratic guns will be trained very largely on the negro.

The call issued is as follows: Pursuant to the action taken by, and in compliance with the directions of the Republican territorial central committee at a meeting on February 20, 1904, a convention of the Republicans of Oklahoma Territory, in delegate convention, is hereby called to be held at Guthrie, O. T., on the 7th day of April, 1904, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose, as designated by the committee of—

First, nominating a candidate for delegate to congress;

Second, selecting six delegates and six alternates to represent the Republicans of Oklahoma Territory in the national Republican convention to be held in the city of Chicago, June 21, 1904.

Representation is based upon one delegate at large from each county and one delegate for each hundred votes, and major fraction thereof, cast for Hon. B. S. McGuire in 1902.

Upon this basis counties will be entitled to representation in said convention as follows, viz:

Counties.	Vote.	Del.
Beaver	1482	15
Blaine	1482	15
Caddo	1482	15
Canadian	1482	15
Cleveland	1482	15
Comanche	1482	15
Custer	1482	15
Day	1482	15
Dewey	1482	15
Garfield	1482	15
Grant	1482	15
Greer	1482	15
Key	1482	15
Kingsfisher	1482	15
Kiowa	1482	15
Lincoln	1482	15
Logan	1482	15
Noble	1482	15
Oklahoma	1482	15
Pawnee	1482	15
Payne	1482	15
Pottawatomie	1482	15
Roger Mills	1482	15
Washita	1482	15
Woods	1482	15
Woodward	1482	15
Osage reservation	1482	15
Ponca reservation	1482	15
Kaw reservation	1482	15

The committee makes no recommendation to the chairman of the several county conventions as to when the county conventions or the primaries to elect dele-

gates to the county conventions be held, leaving it to each county to fix such dates for these occasions as will be most satisfactory and convenient to each.

The precedent having been heretofore established and followed, it is recommended by the committee that each county territorial committee for the ensuing term and that the name be certified with the credentials of the delegate selected, to the territorial convention.

The precedent having also been heretofore established and followed, it is recommended that the territorial convention select its member of the national committee for the ensuing term, said person not to be one of the delegates to the national convention.

By order of the committee,
C. M. CADE, Chairman,
VERNON W. WHITING, Secretary.

J. H. MAJOR IS DEAD.
Had Lived in El Reno for About Seven Years.

El Reno, O. T., April 2.—A telegram received in this city from St. Louis, announced that J. H. Major died in that city at 5:30 o'clock Thursday evening.

Mr. Major had been a resident of El Reno for about seven years, until very recently. About ten days ago, having sold his property at this place, he departed, with his wife for St. Louis, to make their home in that city. For months Mr. Major had been in very poor health, and it was hoped that the change would be beneficial to him.

The children of the family who are known here are: T. J. Major, now of Apache; John Major, of the postoffice book store; Lester Major, now of St. Louis, and Miss Jewell Major, of El Reno, who at the time of her father's death was visiting a sister in Texas; all of whom, except John Major, are now en route to St. Louis to attend the funeral, which will take place today.

CASE CAUGHT FIRE.

Little Damage Was Done and Fire Loss Fell on Insurance Company.
Chandler, O. T., April 2.—The Tribune gives the following account of the recent fire in its office:

The editor of the Tribune opened the office and built a fire about 6:30 Tuesday morning after which he left the office for a few minutes.

On his return he discovered that a rack containing about 30 cases of type was blazing furiously.

He hastened across the street and rang the fire bell. The fire company quickly responded and the fire was soon extinguished.

No damage was done to the machinery as nothing but a few papers caught fire in the press room.

The wind was blowing a gale from the south and had the fire not outside of the building it might have caused great damage.

It is supposed that the fire was caused by the papers on and near the cases being ignited by a spark from the stove. The damage to the office amounts to about \$175, fully covered by insurance.

SHAWNEE WON THE MATCH.

Outbowed Oklahoma City at the Tournament.

Shawnee, O. T., April 2.—Oklahoma City and Shawnee locked horns in a bowling tournament. Each city was represented by three players, and five games were played. The tournament took place in the new Broadway bowling alley in the Estes building, and the first game began at 5:30 o'clock. There was a very good attendance, and it being a Shawnee affair, the crowd was very large.

City bowlers gave great satisfaction. M. H. Layton is one of the crack bowlers of the territory, yet his average, 151.2, was bested by G. C. Swallow, a Shawnee man, who made the splendid average of 162.3.

The total score made by the Oklahoma City team was 2,145, while Shawnee won 124 better and made the very creditable score of 2,273.

TO BUILD A HALL.

Meeting of Y. M. C. A. Board Held at El Reno.

El Reno, O. T., April 2.—A meeting of the Y. M. C. A. board was held to discuss the question of building a hall for the accommodation of the association, says the Democrat.

It has long been known that the rooms at present used are not large enough to meet the demand here. The membership of the association is growing rapidly and it is proposed to erect a building that will meet all requirements, and to have it fitted up with all facilities for Y. M. C. A. work and with wholesome, harmless amusement adjuncts.

The decision was made by the board at last night's meeting. Efforts will now be made to raise money with which to buy lots and erect the building and there is no doubt that they will meet with success.

HE CARRIES THE MAIL.

Has an Automobile Which Makes 80 Miles a Day.

Thomas, O. T., April 2.—Custer county is soon to have an automobile. W. H. Nixon, who carries the mail between Arapahoe and Taloga, has ordered one and expects to make the round trip of eighty miles daily. Thanks to the farmers' labor this road is kept in good repair, and it will be nice for Mr. Nixon, but the farmers residing along this road do not regard the introduction of the machine with favor. Accidents are a certainty and every man who drives a horse-drawn wagon is in town and in territory. The farmers who work the roads and pay the principal part of the road tax will be driven therefrom.

CHARGED WITH FORGERY.

Name of an Endorse Was Incorrectly Spelled.

Norman, O. T., April 2.—J. J. Brunning, a young man about 25 years old, was arrested Tuesday afternoon at Noble on the charge of forgery. On last Saturday Brunning purchased a team of horses from W. J. Murphy and gave his note with the endorsements of W. E. Craig and J. H. Pile of Colorado and J. L. Greig of Norman. Mr. Murphy deposited the note in the City National bank. Tuesday morning Mr. Pile was in town and the officials of the bank called his attention to the endorsement of the note. He pronounced the note a forgery. Mr. Pile's name on the note was spelled "Pyle." A warrant was immediately issued for the arrest of Brunning who was hauling sand at Noble.

AFFECTED WITH MANGE.

Cattle Were Shipped to Jefferson From El Dorado.

Jefferson, O. T., April 2.—R. H. Hahn, a territorial cattle inspector, of Alva, was here yesterday and in company with P. A. Becker, member of the Livestock Sanitary board, went out and quarantined the cattle on Ed. Woolley's farm, affected with mange, says the Review. These cattle were shipped in here from Eldorado, Kansas, and bought by Mr. Woolley.

PICTURESQUE SIGHT AT HAND

May 8 Will Witness a Formal
Inauguration.

HORSE CHIEF IS SUPREME

**Tribe Will Be Bedecked in
Gorgeous Blankets.**

Guthrie, O. T., April 2.—Ranch No. 101 promises one of those unusual events in May.

On Sunday afternoon, May 8, the prairie on 101 Ranch, near Bliss, O. T., will present a most picturesque sight, the occasion being the formal inauguration of Horse Chief, who was chosen at the sundance of the Poncas last June to succeed White Eagle, his father, as chief of the tribe. While all ceremonies of the Poncas are most interesting and impressive, this will be a most elaborate spectacle, in which the entire tribe, painted, feathered and bedecked in their gorgeous blankets, will participate and will have as their guests representatives from nearly all the tribes in the territory, making a total of nearly 5,000 Indians who will be camped in the neighborhood several days before and after the celebration.

While an ordinary gathering of Indians is of great interest to the average American, the scene on this occasion will be extraordinarily interesting because of the elaborate costumes the Indians will wear, the pomp and circumstance of the ceremony which will take place, and the knowledge amongst the Indians that this will probably be the last occasion of this kind in which they will have the opportunity to participate, due to the fact that nearly all of the tribes have been greatly reduced in numbers within the past generation, while each succeeding year finds the tribe educated, and the influence of civilization through the influence of education at some of the many Indian schools which nearly all of the younger generation are attending. While the Poncas have made themselves famous by maintaining absolutely unbroken peace with the whites for nearly a century, they still maintain their primitive manners and customs to a great degree, and any of the other reservation Indians; in fact, they are one of the few tribes of so-called blanket Indians now remaining on the reservations.

The buffalo is very much interwoven with the traditions of the Poncas, a buffalo skull being placed at the foot of their altar during the sundance, while Mr. Hahn, the territorial cattle inspector, has been asked to perform a new chief to select his council from the warriors most successful in the buffalo hunt, the retiring chief, White Eagle, having chosen his council by such means.

In order that the new chief may select his council in like manner, the Poncas have prevailed upon Mr. J. C. Miller, president of the 101 Live Stock company, to secure for them a buffalo to be used for a buffalo chase on this occasion, so that Horse Chief may select his advisors in accordance with the ancient customs of the tribe. While they will not hunt the buffalo as did their forefathers, a 60-acre arent has been arranged, to be inclosed with cattle proof woven wire fence six feet in height, within which the buffalo will be held. Instead of shooting the buffalo, the Indians will be divided into bands, each having its own goal through which the buffalo is to be driven and from the band successful in driving the buffalo through its goal the new chief will select his advisors, arrangements having been made to protect the Indians against serious injury by the buffalo. After the buffalo chase the chief will select his council of ten and the inauguration will then take place, following which the visiting Indians will extend their congratulations to the new rulers of the Ponca tribe.

In order to entertain their visitors and make the celebration of a historical character, the Poncas have requested Mr. J. C. Miller, known to them as Mustamontha ("The Progressive") to have the cowboys of 101 ranch and their friends from neighboring ranches, give an exhibition of rounding up and branding cattle, also of riding and roping, thus illustrating life on the plains past and present. For the rounding up the cowboys will be given a prize of \$100 each, and for the branding the cowboys will be given a prize of \$100 each. The Indians will be given a prize of \$100 each for the best rider and roper. On account of the rivalry which exists between the cowboys of the territory this will be in itself the most exciting event of the kind which has ever taken place.

The Indians have agreed to allow spectators to witness this remarkable exhibition, but no admission will be charged. For the accommodation of those desiring to witness this exhibition the Santa Fe will run special trains reaching Bliss about noon and leaving after the entertainment, or about 6 p. m., while the Santa Fe will also have a special train with light refreshments to all visitors at nominal cost. For the convenience and comfort of spectators, circus seats have been secured and will be placed near the arena, arrangements having been made to accommodate about 10,000 people. In addition to the comfort of the spectators, plans for their safety and protection have been perfected, while the seats will have a canvas covering as protection from rain.

Aside from being an historical event, which in itself would attract thousands of people, the tremendous scale on which the entertainment will be conducted and the great number of participants will make it an event long to be remembered and worth a long trip to witness. While several thousands are expected to attend from territory within 100 miles of Bliss, there will be large delegations from Kansas City, St. Joe, Fort Worth, Dallas and other distant points, while there will doubtless be many visitors from the far east and west who will stop over on their way to and from Texas.

FIRE AT THE DEPOT.

**Wind Fanned the Blaze and Made It
Hard to Fight.**

Weatherford, O. T., April 2.—On Monday afternoon the fire which blew the signal which tore of the Rock Island depot being after. Fire was discovered beneath the platform at the southwest corner of the passenger depot and it seemed but a few seconds until the building was a mass of smoke and flame. The wind was blowing very strong from the south, causing a strong draft with which to fan the flames; shooting them beneath

the depot until it resembled a monster furnace, says the Democrat.

It took the fire department just two and one half minutes from the time of the signal to play water on the scene—the boys having four blocks to make the run. They worked hard. It was a hard proposition for them, the flames being beneath the house made it hard for them to work. But they worked untiringly for one half or three quarters of an hour before they had it under control.

The origin of the fire was by many thought to have been from a live coal or spark from the engine of the passenger train which had passed through only about 15 minutes before the fire was discovered, but the company officials lay the blame to a cigar or cigarette.

General Superintendent Whittenton, Engineer H. G. Clark, chief carpenter C. Harrison, special claim agent for first and loss of property claim in on the early train Tuesday morning and made arrangements for the re-construction of the depot and the construction gang has arrived and begun operations. It is the purpose of the company to make a complete change in the building by remodeling and reconstructing the passenger depot and to move the freight depot to this side of the track and to have their business more compact than heretofore.

PROMINENT CITIZEN DEAD.

Had Been a Resident of El Reno for Twelve Years.

El Reno, O. T., April 2.—El Reno mourns the death of one of her most estimable citizens, Simeon Louren Munson, whose death occurred at the family home at 101 South Hoff avenue, says the Democrat.

But two weeks ago Mr. Munson sustained a paralytic stroke, which culminated in his death.

S. L. Munson had been a resident of El Reno for twelve or thirteen years, during all of which time he was known as a man of strict integrity and all the noble attributes of manhood. Every man who knew him was his friend. He was a native of New York, but lived for years in Michigan and served throughout the civil war in the Twenty-sixth Michigan regiment of volunteers.

Mr. Munson died surrounded by his family, consisting of his wife and five children, all grown. They are A. D. Munson of Florence, Colo.; Mrs. Hettie Boyer, F. L. Munson, R. A. Munson and D. H. Munson, all of El Reno.

Funeral services were conducted at the Rock Island Avenue M. E. church, Reno Post G. A. R., of which deceased was an honored member, officiated at the burial.

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Miss Ida M. Snyder and Mr. Fred G. Poland were married Wednesday evening, March 23, at 6 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel G. Snyder, seven miles south of Alva. Rev. Isaac F. Hodge of the M. E. church of Alva said the impressive ceremony uniting the two happy hearts for life. Miss Ida M. Snyder is the daughter of the groom named worthy couple and has grown from childhood in Woods county. She is a winsome lady and Mr. Poland is a fine young man, much respected at his home. The happy event was witnessed by a house full of the friends of the family, and the bride and groom were remembered by a large number of hand-picked gifts. The happy pair left for their future home near Stafford, Kan.

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Invitations have been received at Shawnee announcing the wedding of George Streets of W. W. V. to Miss Catherine May White of Fayetteville, Ark., on April 6. Mr. Streets was formerly engaged in the newspaper business in Shawnee.

John Harmon of the northeastern part of Stella township, near the county line, last Sunday, March 21, celebrated his 10th wedding anniversary, says the Alva Courier. Mr. and Mrs. Harmon are each 30 years old and enjoy splendid health and with their sons, Albert and Ed, of that vicinity, and Jonathan of Avara, together with their families, enjoyed a good, old fashioned family reunion as well as the wedding anniversary. There were about thirty guests present and presents of a gold watch and gold chain were made to the aged and happy couple.

According to the Hennessey Clipper, the marriage of Miss Nina Marie Baldwin and Mr. Ed Lewis Admire, both of Kingsfisher, took place in that city on Thursday evening of last week. The happy event occurred at the home of Mr. H. D. Gillette, who performed the marriage ceremony. No public announcement having been made of the wedding, the news of the event was not generally known throughout the city until after it had transpired. The young couple, who came up on the evening train, returned on the same evening.

The groom is a son of Hon. Jake Admire, receiver of the United States land office at Kingsfisher.

The following marriage licenses have been issued at Stillwater: George H. Guthrie, age 22, and Eva Kirkpatrick, 18, both of Stillwater; Rufus E. Galla, 25, of Ripley, and Myrtle Peak, 18, of Stillwater; Clyde W. Smith, 25, of Rock, and Fekha M. Foster, 25, of Stillwater; Frank Huggins, age 22, and Nora M. Malrenee, age 15, both of McManis; Pete S. Cleveland, age 21, and Grace Farley, age 18, both of Ingalls; John Roppewitz, age 23, and Cora Merkle, age 18, both of Skedee.

Tuesday evening at 7:30 at the home of the bride's parents in Stillwater, Mr. George H. Guthrie and Miss Eva Kirkpatrick were united in marriage. The young couple will make their home in that city on South Lowrey, where the groom had a cottage prepared to welcome his bride.

A marriage license has been issued to Washington H. Drew and Miss Katie Phinnee, both of Wildman.

A marriage license was issued Monday at Guthrie to Lewis E. Watkins, aged 21, of Jennings, and M. L. Locke, aged 14, of Merriam.

Wednesday evening, March 24, Julius D. Howard, age 22, and Ruby Myrtle Heskett, age 21, were joined in marriage at the Methodist church at Cherokee in the presence of about 30 invited guests.

The girls club will give a cup and saucer shower Monday evening, April 4th at the home of Mrs. Gusie Davis in honor of Miss VanClef, who is as soon to leave their ranks, says the Perry Enterprise.

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